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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001 (Paper No. 13) in the above-identified patent application, the present amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted within the three month period for responding, thus making the response a timely filing. Applicants have also enclosed the following: 1) Appendix I showing the marked up version of amendments to the claims and an Abstract on a separate sheet on page 80; 2) A complete substitute specification identified as the "Corrected Version" of the International Application Published Under the PCT; 3) 12 sheets of 12 formal figures; and 4) an Application Data Sheet with priority claims.